

## *Regarding Bailey's Corner*

**By Evelyn Peterson**

**Bailey's Corner in old Duxbury has a new format, sleeker, safer, more negotiable. Underneath the new surface, its history remains unchanged.**

The first Bailey to settle there served in Napoleon's army, then came to Duxbury after the wars and purchased some 20 acres of land, including that now called Bailey's Corner. He proceeded to marry Jerusha Peterson, a Duxbury lady and a descendant of the first Governor Bradford, built the house lately called the Peterson Place (most recently occupied by James, Jim, and John Peterson in turn), and raised a family there.

Baileys have lived at Bailey's Corner ever since, and Helen Bailey Howe, a very gracious and intelligent lady, a former school teacher, still has a home there. Notwithstanding, a recent article in one of our local papers, neither her mother nor her grandmother sold fish in Granpa Peterson's little fish market, nor did any of the Peterson ladies. Granpa had chauvinistic tendencies. We cooked, kept house, taught school, went to church, entertained countless friends, relatives and sewing circles, and for the most part enjoyed life and living in Duxbury.

Duxbury, too, like Bailey's Corner has a new face. She was a quaint, picturesque town, populated by hard-working, God-fearing, thoughtful people. Founded on the principles of common sense, thrift, and a love of solid foundations, the town has grown and prospered. It was lovely to begin with, and much credit is due to the burgeoning population as well as to the "old timers," because that loveliness has been preserved. The people of Duxbury can look with pride on a town that maintains its colonial flavor and atmosphere, but in the midst of building and improving, let us not forget the firm, strong timbers in this town's foundation, nor the calloused hands that hewed them. While admiring the "new" Bailey's Corner, let us not forget the folks who lived around Bailey's Corner, the folks whose taxes for literally hundreds of years helped build Duxbury.

Walker and Delano, Bailey and Herrick  
Wadsworth, Peterson, Prince,  
Chandler and Tammeth, Shirley and Merrick,  
Freeman, Bennett, and Swift,  
These were the people around Bailey's Corner  
Who took pride in their home town;  
They laid the foundations, and how they would marvel  
To see the way Duxbury has grown.  
They lived by the precepts of Alden and Bradford,  
They built for the years to come.  
Let's be just as thrifty and build just as wisely  
For those who call Duxbury home.

## Grandma Peterson

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DISTRICT 5- CLEANING AND PAINTING STEEL BRIDGES (6 SEPARATE CONTRACTS) CONTRACT 2 (P-59-02)

<b>File#</b>	<b>602670</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Project Type</b>	<b>Painting - structural</b>
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**DUXBURY- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, ROUTE 3A @ CHESTNUT STREET AND TOBEY GARDEN ROAD (BAILEY'S CORNER)**

File#	603455	District	5	Project Type	Hwy. Reconstr - Minor Widening
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## DUXBURY- INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, ROUTE 53 AND WINTER STREET

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